

Reservation in private Deemed Universities

1228. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private unaided Deemed Universities are reluctant to provide reservations to creamy layer among the OBCs; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No such information has come to the notice of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Report on education for children

1229. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO's Education for All Global Monitoring Report gives very poor grades to India when it comes to educating its children;

(b) whether these grades are in the complete contrast to the regularly monitoring and updated figures of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter the UNESCO;

(d) the steps proposed by Government for giving correct picture of the education scenario to the people of the country; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The UNESCO Education for All Global Monitoring Report-2007 is not India specific. However, references have been made in India throughout the Report. As per the report India ranks 99th in the list with a composite Education for All Development Index (EDI) of 0.789.

UNESCO has taken note of overall improvement in the education situation in India by giving an increased EDI, which reflects 6.5% increase in value between 2003 and 2004, from 0.741 to 0.789.

Referring to a Nation-wide Sample Survey on out of school children by the Social and Rural Research Institute in 2005, the report says that

the number of out of school children has halved from 25 million in 2002 to 13.5 million in 2005. The nation-wide sample survey was commissioned by the Government of India under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Programme.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Education scenario of the country is reflected in the Annual Report of the Ministry which is presented every year in the Parliament. This is also available in the public domain through the Ministry's website.

Review of NCERT books

†1230. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the committee constituted for the review of NCERT books as on date; and

(b) the time frame fixed for the committee to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The committee to review some Hindi text books published by NCERT was constituted on 30.08.2006. Two month's time was given to the Committee to submit its report. The Committee submitted its report on 20.10.2006.

Reservation of seats for SCs, STs and OBC's

1231. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been made to reserve seats for SCs, STs, and OBCs in higher and technical institutions, including private ones;

(b) whether it has been proposed to exclude creamy layer from reservation; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.